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## WHAT IS A SUCKER?

A Few Kinds That Are Met With In Our Every-day Life.



HE finny sucker is a fish, and not worth the little worm it takes to catch him, but the human sucker is generally caught on an empty hook, in the gills at that.

A sucker is a fool at the country fair, where he puts his money on the wheel of fortune, and expects to beat the shark at his own game.

A sucker is a fellow who signs a receipt for a carload of grindstones and finds the next week he has signed a note for \$200.

A sucker is a youth who stakes his money on the pastboards when he don't know a bobtail flush from a boiled owl.

A sucker is the farmer who buys his goods from the traveling peddler when he can buy them from his home merchant for 25 per cent. less.

A sucker is the windbag who sits around on the streets and abuses everybody behind their backs and imagines people don't get to hear about it.

A sucker is a business man who sends his job printing to some snide house out of town, and expects his home paper to blow up the town and benefit him as much as his more enterprising neighbor.

A sucker is the "kicker" who opposes every improvement and rails at every "hustler" in town until some other town springs up near him and his property depreciates 75 per cent. and he can't sell it at that to get out of debt, unless the sheriff helps him out.

A sucker is a smart Alexander at twenty who knows more than his grandfather did at eighty.

A sucker is a fellow whose only reply to the question of what are his reasons for his political faith is "because my father voted that way," or "I vote the way I shot."

A sucker is a man who kicks at paying a dollar a year for his home paper when he can get some city weekly with lots more "readin'" for the same money; and then grumbles because he don't see his name in the home paper when he borrows it.

A female sucker is a married woman who thinks she has made a misalliance and takes up with some other fellow on the sly, expecting to never be found out in her crookedness.

Or a single woman who gives the steady or quiet boys the "marble heart," and goes into raptures over the young sport who spends all his salary—and sometimes more—on bled shirts, flashy neckties and livery rigs.

The world and the water are full of suckers, and the shores are lined with sharks. With them the current is easier to swim with than to breast, and being principally down stream they swim that way and never reach the headwaters of prosperity or prominence.

A second ward young man has evidently got the epizootic very bad, for he was heard the other morning to mournfully and pathetically chant: "Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight. Give me the nose that I breathed through last night. Bring back the smell that two days ago, knew not the torment of continual blow. Wipe from my mustache the moisture of sneeze. Put wooden splints on my poor weakened knees rub my nose as you have oft done before; with tallow, dear mother, Oh, it is so sore. Backward, turn backward, O tide of the nose! I am so tired from my head to my toes. Tired out with mopping and coughing and sneezing; weary of handkerchief constantly seizing. I have grown weary of snuffle and snuff, and wipe my bugle until it is rough; stick my poor head in a big pillow slip, and sew it up, mother, for I have the grip."

Hornbeck, at the old Beye stand has the best grades of apples and sell at the lowest market prices. See him before buying. Also fresh cider and cider vinegar always on hand.

## LOCAL NOTES.

Lots of men in town Saturday.

The city election comes in April. Wet, or dry?

Oxford Bibles from 90c to \$2.75, at Simpson & Co's.

Captain S. S. Shields was down from Maherville, Friday.

Hear Prof. Dyche, on March 7th—afternoon and evening.

A new sidewalk has been put down in front of Lundblade's store.

The Schuberts at the M. E. church Wednesday evening, March 4th.

District court opens in Great Bend Tuesday of next week, March 3rd.

Hear the famous Schuberts, at the M. E. church Wednesday evening.

The Mo. Pacific railroad is shipping ice into Hoisington from Colorado.

Central draught Banquet Lamps at Simpson & Co's. from \$2.50 to \$5. 4t

A week and a half more of groundhog weather. Guess we can stand it.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vern Russell, of 2nd ward, last Friday.

Pay your February assessment in the A. O. U. W. before tomorrow—the 28th.

Regular monthly meeting of the Fire Department Friday evening of this week.

Prescriptions carefully compounded, and the best and purest of drugs sold by Simpson & Co. 4t

The man who is too bull headed to agree with us is a little off his balance, isn't he?

Corn might grow if planted now, but hardly fast enough to mature before the late spring frosts.

See those nicker lamps at Simpson & Co's., central draught, for \$2 and \$2.15—a snap. 4t

The disbursement of the state school fund is now being paid out to the different school districts.

Go to Nelson & Son's Feed Store for early Ohio potatoes, apples, oranges and lemons.

T. O. Cole, of northeast of town, went out into Western Kansas last week to buy stock cattle.

Allen & Wilson have a fig tree growing in one of their show windows, on which the fruit is forming.

Try the DEMOCRAT a year for a dollar, six months for 50 cents, or three months for 25 cents.

Let us do some more irrigating in Barton county, and quit shipping in Colorado irrigated potatoes.

School Books at Chicago list prices; also, the new Excelsior Readers, at Simpson & Co's. 4t

A fine boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Denbo, south of the Arkansas, Monday morning of this week.

Great Bend must have the next meeting of the State Irrigation Association. Let us go after it to win.

Miss Ella Cline was suddenly called to Colorado, last Friday, on a telegram stating that a sister was dangerously ill.

Wall Paper to be sold at and BELOW cost—to reduce the stock—at Simpson & Co's. See it before buying. 4t

If your neighbor's hens come visiting from just across the way, don't let your angry passions rise—fix them a place to lay.

Marriage license was issued last Friday to P. D. Roth, of Halstead, Harvey county, and Miss Lena Dierks, of Pawnee Rock township.

In Topeka they are going to make paving bricks of paper. At last they have discovered what most Topeka papers are good for.

The American Steam Laundry, of Hutchinson, does repair work free—and guarantees satisfaction. Give them a trial. F. B. GREENE, Agt.

With a woman it is a struggle to brovide something for the inner man, and with a man it is an effort to provide something for the outer woman.

Mayor Moses wants to know the whereabouts of a little girl about four years old named Addie Wayne. A lady in Boston is sending clothing to the mayor for such a child, but thus far he has been unable to locate the little one.

## NOW TELL THE TRUTH.

And The Truth Only, About Barton County And Her People.



HE state has an Immigration and Information association, formed some months ago, that is doing a great deal of good work, or work that we believe will eventually result in good, although the results or good effects do not yet make themselves observable.

This association has sent men into various states where the farming class is composed mostly of renters, and held meetings which were addressed by gentlemen well posted on Kansas, her possibilities and advantages; telling those renting farmers of the cheapness of Kansas lands, their productiveness, the splendid climate, value of successful irrigation, and the small amount of money required to start a man to farming his own land and building for himself such a home as he may never hope to gain while he pays a high rate of rent for the lands in states more densely populated, where the prices asked for lands are so high that no man with a small capital can ever hope to become a farm owner. These pertinent truths are being seriously considered by hundreds of men whose attention has been called to them; and as the association continues its work, thousands more will be laying their plans to cut loose from old associations and seek homes—even though humble to start—which they can call their own; to free themselves from the odium of always and forever working for some one else, coming and going at the beck and call of the more fortunate land owner.

To assist in this work of the state association, and that each county desiring to may lay its claims before the prospective immigrants, county organizations are being formed throughout the state—in the central and western counties especially.

A meeting was held at the court house last Wednesday evening, and the matter of a Barton county association discussed. A committee of five business men was appointed, and before Thursday evening over fifty names were signed to the agreement for an organization.

The membership fee is \$1, but many who have already joined the movement will contribute much more than that sum.

Another meeting of the workers was held Thursday evening, when the committee reported progress; and it was thought best to defer a permanent organization until people in all parts of the county could become interested, so that a stronger organization could be perfected.

We hope our people will fully realize the importance of moving with our neighboring counties in this matter. A truthful and plain statement of the opportunities of this county, without any over-drawn descriptions or highly colored statistics—as indulged in by the real estate boomers in former years—put before the people of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, the southern states, and eastern manufacturing districts, will cause many an industrious, sober, and ambitious man to come among us and put his family upon some of our unused acres.

It is not a movement of real estate sharks or speculators, but an effort on the part of men who realize that if the advantages our county offers were brought to the attention of men of the ever crowded east hundreds of men could be brought out to swell our industries and improve our lands.

Everything kept in a first class drug store, at the lowest living prices. Come and see us. Simpson & Co. 4t

Editor Hobart will give a write up of his visit to the Kansas Editorial association at Leavenworth, in the Dispatch of this week.

When thinking of laying in your supply of spring seeds remember that the Great Bend Implement Co. will have a complete stock of the FRESHEST seeds, from the best houses, for sale at hard times prices.

## PERSONAL POINTS.

—C. T. Mayo was over from Cladlin Wednesday.

—Mrs. V. F. Russell is rapidly regaining health.

—Rev. Schnacke returned from Topeka, Wednesday.

—A. M. Button was in from Button's grove, Tuesday.

—Mrs. Henry Schwieler was very ill few days last week.

—H. Caro and wife are visiting friends in St. Louis.

—W. F. Putnam is assisting at Hiss & Co's. harness shop.

—Charlie Vancil visited Hoisington on business, Friday.

—C. A. Hooper visited Leavenworth the first of the week.

—Miss Ella Putnam has been quite sick for the past week.

—John W. Phillips' baby was quite sick the last of this week.

—Mrs. C. P. Townsley returned from Topeka Monday evening.

—Fred Zutavern made a business trip to Wichita last week.

—Dr. Connett returned from Wichita Wednesday morning.

—Joe Sprinker was up to lodge, from Ellinwood, Tuesday night.

—Tom Owens came home last week to visit a while with his family.

—Geo. Green Jr. and Miss. Georgia Hulme Sundayed at Ellinwood.

—J. A. Brockaway, of Hoisington was doing business in the city, Monday.

—Will Hayse and wife visited relatives at Arlington Saturday and Sunday.

—Judge Joshua Clayton visited the east part of the state, the first of the week.

—Mrs. Jas. Strouf, who has been dangerously ill for some days, is reported better.

—Mrs. Theo. Lintz and children, from Ohio, are visiting with the Brinkman's.

—Mrs. M. Epstein and two children left for a visit to Champaign, Ills., Sunday.

—Will Welch and wife, of the Cheyenne, were in town with the crowd, Saturday.

—Frank Byram and wife, of Pawnee Rock, were shopping in Great Bend, Monday.

—Mrs. Bain and Mrs. T. G. Cozine of northeast, were visiting in town Saturday.

—The little friends of Ethel Pavey gave her a birthday surprise party, Friday evening.

—Jesse Raser and wife returned, Sunday, from their month's sojourn at Hot Springs.

—G. W. A. Boedecker, of Bucklin, Ford county, has been in the city a few days this week.

—Fred Stevens, of the Ellinwood Racket store, was visiting in Great Bend, Monday.

—Mrs. A. C. Schermerhorn, of Hutchinson, was a guest of Dr. Shaw's family Monday.

—Tom Hart was over from the north to visit mother and sisters (his sisters of course) Friday.

—W. H. Brinkman, of Larned, who has been east, stopped off to visit the folks here, last Friday.

—Miss Josephene Auchstetter of Ellinwood, visited friends in Great Bend a couple of days last week.

—Ray Tetrick came up from Kingman, last Saturday to see "a particular friend" who is teaching school west of town.

—Miss Weingarten, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Myers, returned to La Crosse, Wis., last week.

—Rev. L. C. Schnacke, of the Congregational church of his city, preached in the Congregational church in Topeka last Sunday.

—Word comes from Miss Lizzie Estill, at Colorado Springs, to the effect that she is getting along finely, and her health is improving.

Schubert Quartette, March 4th.

C. P. Wunderlich and wife, of Olmitz, favored the DEMOCRAT office with a call, Wednesday.

Miss Anna Scott, who has been attending the C. N. C. here, has been appointed to the position of secretary to Venezuelan Commission, by Judge Brewer, her uncle.

## THE FARM ALL RIGHT.

Some Pertinent Truths By One Who Has Made Careful Observations.



RIGHT Rev. Bishop Fink, of Kansas City, Kansas, whose duties have called him to points all over Kansas, in a recent pastoral letter has the following good words to say regarding the farm:

In answer to the oft-repeated story that "farming does not pay," he says: "I have traversed our state for twenty-five years, have seen thousands of poor people that came in, many of whom did not have a decent suit of clothes for even Sunday. I have again visited them at their places after a few years, when I noticed a perceptible change for the better. And after a few years more, most of them were well-to-do. I have visited hundreds of such places and seen thousands of such people, besides some exceptions. How many hard working mechanics in large cities can show such results? Farming not profitable? Farmers generally have plenty to eat, plenty to wear and plenty of work. The average people of a large city, however, very often have neither one or the other, and generally live from hand to mouth. If they have no work for a month or two they have nothing to eat unless they go into debt. Farming not profitable! What is profitable if it be not well attended to and persevered in?"

His comparison of city life is yet more encouraging to those who may have been inclined to find fault with their lot on the farm.

"Large cities are generally overcrowded; for nearly every vacancy in any line of work there are dozens of hungry applicants; everyone desirous of a situation, has to run and beg for it for weeks or months, and if he has an influential friend, he may be the lucky one among a dozen or two, who carries off the prize. Philanthropic employers, who desire to give work to every worthy applicant, often have two or three-times the number of workmen required, and in order to give employment to as many as possible, they divide the men into shifts, to work in their turn; thus men often get only two or three days of work in a week, even in the busiest season, as I have been credibly informed. A month of occupation is often followed by a two months idleness, accompanied by the pangs of hunger."

This true pen picture ought to have the effect of reconciling disaffected young men and women to a life on the farm—the best as well as the most independent life one could choose.

Prof. Dyche on Alaska.

The Great Bend band has arranged for two lectures by Prof. Dyche, of the State University, on his travels in Alaska, to be held in the opera house March 7th, at 3:30 and 8 p. m. Admission to the afternoon matinee 15 and 25 cents; to the evening lecture 25 cents, with 10 cents extra for reserved seats. Prof. Dyche's lecture is spoken of as deeply interesting. He is a speaker who has a most wonderful personal attraction for an audience, and none should miss the opportunity of hearing him. The prices are exceedingly reasonable.

DIED—At the home of his father, in Eureka township, at 2:30 a. m. Feb. 25, Alfred Rediger, aged about 19 years. He was the second son of Jacob Rediger an esteemed farmer and citizen; was a quiet and industrious boy, and will be greatly missed by his many friends in this county. He was sick but a few days, having dropsy of the heart. The funeral occurred from his late home at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

A. Lincoln Kirk will appear at the opera house Sat. evening, the 29th, in his wonderful impersonations and dramatic readings. He comes under the auspices of the high school. The proceeds of the entertainment are to help buy needed apparatus. Admission 10, 15 and 25 cents.

Be sure and hear the Schuberts, at the M. E. church, March 4th.